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viséed by Service officers abroad they may pass, otherwise disinfect by immersion in two parts formalin solution to one hundred parts water."

The Service officers referred to in the order are officers of the United States Marine-Hospital Service, stationed abroad, usually in the office of the United States consuls, to aid in the protection of the public health interests of the United States. By instructing your agents abroad to confer with these medical officers as to the proper sanitary precautions to adopt at ports of embarkation, it will be found that they are stationed there not only in the interests of public health but also to aid in expediting commerce.

Respectfully,

W. W. MCKAY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Mr. JOS. D. PHILLIPS,
California and Oriental Steamship Company, San Diego, Cal.

Whooping cough, measles, and chicken pox in Georgetown, S. C.

GEORGETOWN, S. C., *January 29, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that there exists in this city at present a number of cases of whooping cough, several cases of measles, and two or three cases of chicken pox.

Respectfully,

C. WILLIAMS BAILEY,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Charge.

Smallpox in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., *February 2, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that smallpox is prevailing in at least half the counties in this State. For more than a year it has been gradually spreading from one locality to another, sometimes undetected and frequently unreported. On account of the mild nature of the disease in the present outbreak, stringent measures have not been adopted in some places, while apparently nothing has been attempted in certain localities. No statistical reports can be obtained from the State board of health, as the local authorities are not required to report to them. In the city of Little Rock there are now under treatment about 40 cases out of a total of 160 cases that have been reported. Eight deaths from smallpox have occurred in this city since October, 1899.

The president of the State board of health stated that smallpox has been reported in the counties named below. In some of them it still prevails to an alarming extent. It has been checked in some of the counties on the list and in a few eradicated. The following are the counties: Arkansas, Benton, Columbia, Conway, Crittenden, Drew, Faulkner, Green, Independence, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Logan, Perry, Phillips, Prairie, Pulaski, Saline, White, Woodruff, Fulton, and Scott. A glance at the map of Arkansas will show that the disease has visited nearly every section of the State, and the indications are that it will eventually spread entirely over it.

Respectfully,

L. P. GIBSON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Los Angeles, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., *January 18, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report the presence in this city of 3 cases of variola. The first case came from Smithfield, Mo., about two weeks ago, but was not recognized as a case of variola until two days ago, when the diagnosis was made by Health Officer Powers. Two other